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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 3-4: SPECIAL
AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

REF: (A) STATE 22858, (B) BERN 483

WE CONVEYED TO PHAN VAN PHI, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF
GATT AFFAIRS, THE INFORMATION AND REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFTEL A.
PHAN VAN PHI SAID THAT HE HAS MENTIONED BEFORE THE EC COMMISSION'S
INTEREST IN STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE OF DIFFERENTIAL
TREATMENT FOR LDCEs IN THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS. TO THIS END THE COMMUNITY
HAD AGREED TO A MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY OF THE TRADE
COMMITTEE STAFFED BY DELEGATES FAMILIAR WITH THE MTN'S. HOWEVER,
THE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE AT THAT MEETING (ABBOTT) HAD
REPORTED THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD NOT BEEN A PARTICULARLY
PROFITABLE ONE. ONLY THE US AND THE COMMUNITY HAD HAD INTERESTING
COMMENTS TO MAKE. THE JAPANESE AND THE CANADIANS HAD SAID NOTHING.
THOUGH THE COMMUNITY IS INDEED INTERESTED IN THIS QUESTION- WHICH
DESERVES MORE STUDY AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION-PHAN VAN PHI DOUBTS THAT
HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO GO MUCH FURTHER THAN ABBOTT WENT

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IN THE WORKING PARTY MEETING. DESPITE HIS EXPECTATION

THAT THE TRADE COMMITTEE WILL NOT PROVE TO BE A GOOD LOCUS
FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION, HE ASKED THAT WE INFORM DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLITMAN OF THE COMMISSION'S INTEREST
IN FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THE SUBJECT.
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